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Country: Rumania

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Subject: Hard Labor Camp for Political Prisoners

Place Acquired:

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Date Acquired:

Date of Information: Up to late Feb 54

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[REDACTED]

1. "A hard labor camp for political prisoners is located precisely 475 meters before Km. 20 on the Bucharest-Pitesti rail line [see Attachment A, on file in CIA Map Library]."
2. "Security control is exercised from four corner observation posts, and two lateral observation posts around the camp. Every observation post had an MSS uniformed guard, armed with a PPS automatic carbine."
3. "From the main road, a small dirt road leads to the main gate of the camp."

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4. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. We travelled on a Sunday morning and went to Buften (Rajosa) Forest. We passed the camp at approximately 1030 hours, [REDACTED] who travelled in that area almost daily, and knew it well, what the camp was. I was informed that it was a hard labor camp for political detainees.

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Just before the camp (towards Bucharest), we saw 50 or 60 prisoners working in the fields to the right of the road. They were guarded by MSS armed guards. They were probably gardening for some State Farm, or for the camp.

5. "I judged the capacity of the camp to be approximately 1000, by the [REDACTED] barracks (and one brick building, probably formerly a farm house); from the appearance of the camp, it could not have accomodated more than 100 prisoners.
6. "Attached is a sketch-map of the area in which the referenced labor camp is located, and following is the legend listing various points in and around the camp:

"A: Main gate to the camp.

B: Two-story brick building, approximately 50 by 18 meters.

C: Three one-story wooden barracks, approximately 35 by 15 meters."

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v. Attachment A: Sketch-map, showing location of hard labor camp for political prisoners, (~~on file in CIA Map Library.~~)

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